



Hillcrest School Careers Education Newsletter (April 2025)



Throughout the spring term students have engaged in a range of careers-related activities and educational visits.

Year 7

27th February: Hillcrest Careers Fair

5th March: STEM Roadshow

20th March: BMET College Workshop on career stereotypes

Year 8

27th February: Hillcrest Careers Fair

5th March: STEM Roadshow

31st March: NEC Group workshops

2nd April: BMET College Workshop on Local Labour Markets

March-April: Forward Thinking project (University of Bham)

Year 9

8th January: Swift Childcare Workshop

27th January: Launch of Year 9 GCSE Options process

27th February: Hillcrest Careers Fair

6th March: Assembly from Autodesk Manufacturing

19th March: BMET College Workshop on Apprenticeships

31st March: NEC Group workshops

1st April: Sustainable Space Box (University of Birmingham)

3rd April: Plastic Lifestyle Theatre (Stan's Café)

4th April: Assembly delivered by COLAS

Jan-April: Envision project / visits to Irwin Mitchell solicitors

Feb-April: Group visits to Lander Automotives

Jan-April: Forward Thinking project (University of Bham)

Year 10

8th January: Swift Childcare Workshops

27th January: University of Birmingham Science Event

25th February: BMET College Workshop on T-Levels

27th February: Hillcrest Careers Fair

3rd April: Plastic Lifestyle Theatre (Stan's Café)

Year 11

14th January: Mock interview preparation workshops

16th January: Mock Interview with local employers

27th February: Hillcrest Careers Fair

26th March: Recruitment Centre Experience Day

What opportunities have been provided for parents?

23rd January (5.00-6.00pm)

Ask Apprenticeship Parent Information session (Teams)

28th January (4.30pm-5.00pm)

BMET College Parent Introduction to T-Levels (Teams)

27th February (4.30pm-5.00pm)

University of Wolverhampton workshop (Teams)

20th March (4.30pm-5.00pm)

Department of Work & Pensions workshop to explore employability skills (Teams)

Careers events and activities in Summer Term 2025

Year 7

Date TBC: Severn Trent Environmental project

Year 8

14th June: Big Bang Experience

Year 9

April-May: Finish to the Envision project

2nd May – COLAS interview Day

May-July: Manufacturing project with COLAS UK

20th May: Computing project / visit to Autodesk (15)

22nd May: Visit to University of Gloucestershire (50)

2nd June: SEND visit to Halesowen College (10)

19th June: Visit to University of Birmingham (50)

Date TBC: Social Enterprise project with Arcadis

Year 10

30th April – Ask Apprenticeship Experience Day

7th May: South and City College Workshop on CVs

23rd May: Taster Day visit to South and City College

2nd June: SEND visit to Halesowen College (10)

30th June: Start of Work Experience Week

Hillcrest School Careers Fair

Our annual Careers Fair was held in school on **Thursday 27th February**. The event was attended by a range of employers, training providers, colleges and universities, including:

- West Midlands Police
- RAF and Navy
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Department of Business and Trade
- Mondalez International
- BT Group
- Jaguar Landrover
- Adkins Engineering
- Aston University
- University of Birmingham
- University of Gloucestershire
- University of Wolverhampton
- Access to Creative College

Key contacts in school

If you would like any further information about careers provision at Hillcrest School, please email our Careers Advisor and Careers Co-Ordinator.

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Useful careers resources for parents

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

<https://icould.com/>

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/careers>